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Greene February 11th 1783

Sir,

I received your Honors favourable advice together with General Sullivan's letter of the 5th of January last respecting my power in raising the Body of the County if needed to assist me in collecting publick taxes the legality of which I had not much doubted but the way and manner of carrying the same into execution under our present circumstances is the grand object; but notwithstanding many difficulties we labour under I immediately sent orders to Colonel Ruben Alexander to raise the body of his Regiment and to march them into Chesterfield on Tuesday ye 21st of that month or as many of them as might be sufficient to assist me in carrying the Act of the General Assembly into execution but the clamor of the people has been such that he fears to comply with the orders - giving me for reason that in such case the greater part that could be raised would turn out with intent to mutinize and confound our proceedings, and the same opinion is prevailing with Capt Doolittle, Egn Lee and many others of our well wishers to government some of which affirm that they fear to speak their own

opinion openly and wish to be protected in
some other ~~may~~ manner as the wisdom
of the Genl Assembly might direct but
in case we cannot have assistance by
Troops stationed with us I could wish
to have the Militia insured of having an
adequate reward for their services in case
of their being raised in the lower part of
the County, Sir, I could wish to have
something mentioned to the General Assembly
that I wrote in my second letter respecting
personal estate not being sufficient of
the Selectmen of several Towns

I am Sir, Your Honors Most
Obedt Hum^{ble} Servt.

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